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3. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 and 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

4. Other information being provided for the examiner's consideration follows:

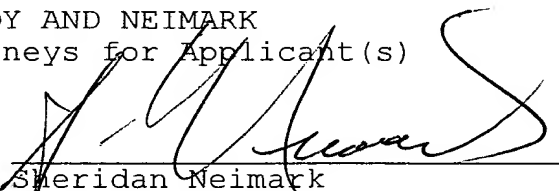
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